

Decision for DOI-BLM- NM-P010-2010-0182–DNA:

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the Roswell Resource Management Plan, as amended, and was analyzed in EA-NM-060-1999-149. The Proposed Action is to offer a term grazing permit for:

Allot 63017	Buck Draw	75 C	03/01 – 02/28	75% pl	Active Use	675 Animal Unit Months
Allot 63017	Buck Draw	667 S	03/01 – 02/28	75% pl	Active Use	1201 Animal Unit Months

And a term grazing lease for:

Allot 63517	Buck Draw 15	3 C	03/01 – 02/28	100% pl	Active Use	36 Animal Unit Months
Allot 63517	Buck Draw 15	100 S	03/01 – 02/28	100% pl	Active Use	240 Animal Unit Months

If you wish to protest this proposed decision in accordance with 43 CFR 4160.2, you are allowed 15 days to do so in person or in writing to the authorized officer, after the receipt of this decision. Please be specific in your points of protest.

The protest shall be filed with the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2909 West 2nd, Roswell, NM 88201. This protest should specify, clearly and concisely, why you think the proposed action is in error.

In the absence of a protest within the time allowed, the above decision shall constitute my final decision. Should this notice become the final decision, you are allowed an additional 30 days within which to file an appeal for the purpose of a hearing before the Interior Board of Land Appeals, and to petition for stay of the decision pending final determination on the appeal (43 CFR 4.21 and 4.410). If a petition for stay is not requested and granted, the decision will be put into effect following the 30-day appeal period. The appeal and petition for stay should be filed with the Field Manager at the above address. The appeal should specify, clearly and concisely, why you think the decision is in error. The petition for stay should specify how you will be harmed if the stay is not granted.

J H Parman
Assistant Field Manager

Date

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Pecos District
Roswell Field Office**

**Documentation of Land Use Plan Compliance
and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
DOI-BLM- NM- P010- 2010-0182 – DNA**

A. Roswell Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: 63017 & 63517

Proposed Action Title/Type: 10 year grazing permit/lease

Location of Proposed Action: Allotments 63017 & 63517 are located in Lincoln County, west of US Highway 285, lying astride State Highway 247. (See attached map for location)

Description of Proposed Action: Renew the term grazing permit and lease for Allotment #63017 & 63517.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Roswell Resource Management Plan	Date Approved: October 1997
LUP Name: New Mexico Standards for Rangeland Health & Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management	Date Approved: January 2001
Other document: EA, NM-060-1999-149	Date Approved: August 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Roswell Resource Management Plan	Date Approved: October 1997
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New Mexico Standards for Rangeland Health & Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management	Date Approved: January 2001
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C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

EA, NM-060-1999-149	Date Approved: August 1999
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D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes. The current Proposed Action was analyzed in the above mentioned Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed action is the same action analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes. The existing NEPA documents analyzed the proposed action as well as a reasonable range of alternatives. The EA was reviewed by identified public interests and no conflicts or concerns were identified. The same applies to the current proposed action given current concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, and updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes. The proposed action is the same as the proposed action as analyzed in the EA. The EA was recently completed and there is no new information or circumstances in regard to this allotment which would warrant further analysis.

In support to the existing document a Rangeland Health assessment was conducted on the allotment. In the Rangeland Health Assessment (RHA) it was found that both Upland and Biotic Indicators, "meets" the standards of Rangeland health.

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Date RHA completed</u>
63017	03/18/2010
63517	03/18/2010

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document? [Document and explain]

Yes, the direct, indirect and cumulative effects would be the same as stated in the existing NEPA document. The effects would not be changed considering the proposed action is the same as the proposed action as analyzed in the EA, along with no change in management.

E. Persons/Agencies /BLM Staff Consulted

Kyle Arnold	Rangeland Management Specialist-BLM-RFO
Adam Ortega	Rangeland Management Specialist-BLM-RFO
Helen Miller	Rangeland Management Specialist, BLM-RFO
J. Howard Parman	acting NEPA Planning Coordinator-BLM-RFO

Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion:

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

Prepared By:

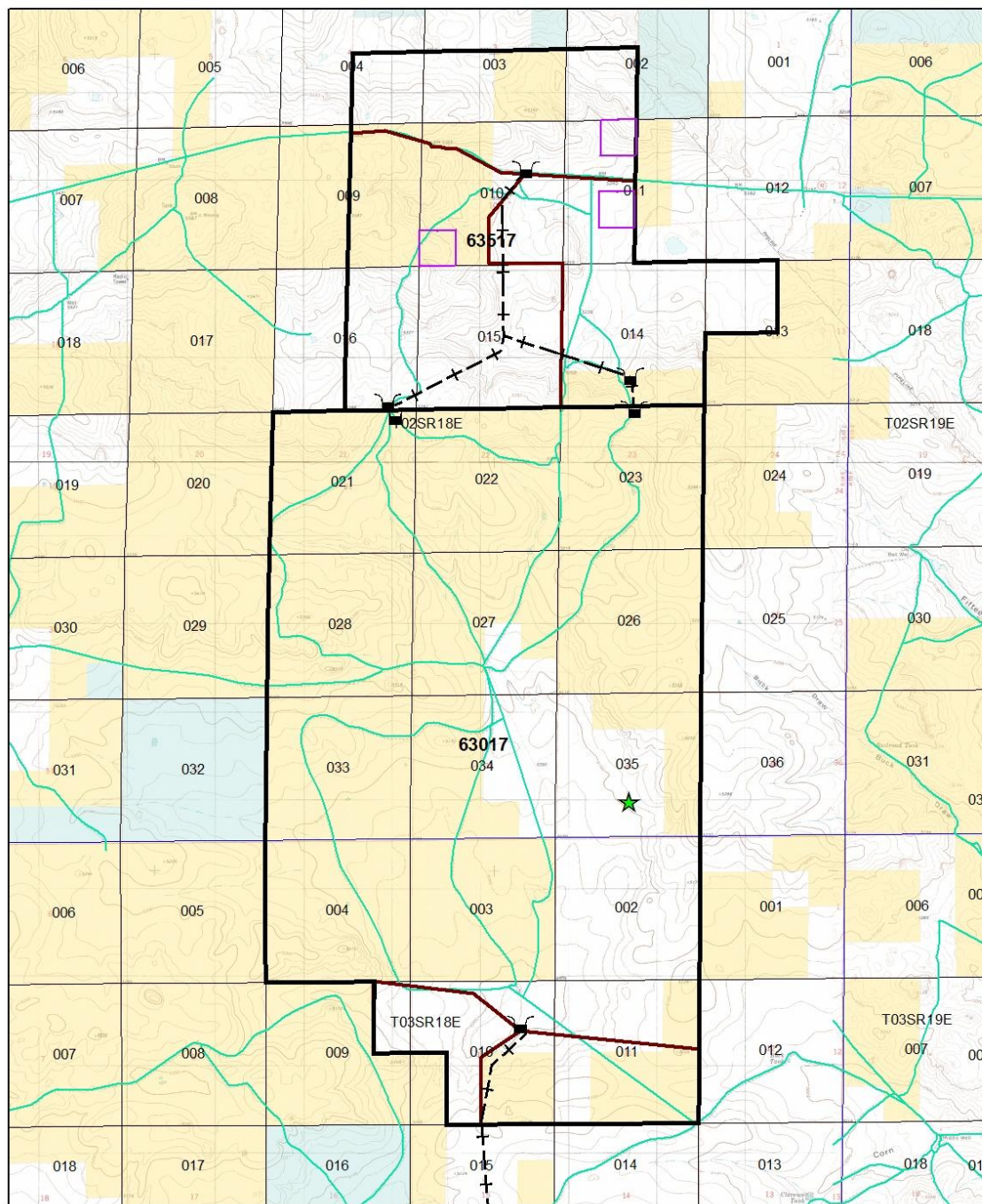
/s/ Helen Miller
Helen Miller
Rangeland Management Specialist

1/28/11
Date

Approved By:

/s/ J H Parman
J H Parman
Assistant Field Manager, Resources

1/28/11
Date



63017 Buck Draw 3 &
63517 Buck Draw 15

Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office
Environmental Assessment Checklist, DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2010-182-DNA

Resources	Not Present on Site	No Impacts	May Be Impacts	Mitigation Included	BLM Reviewer	Date
Air Quality			X	X	SWA Spec/Hydro. /s/ Michael McGee	12/3/2010
Soil			X	X		
Watershed Hydrology			X	X		
Floodplains			X	X		
Water Quality - Surface			X	X		
Water Quality - Ground			X	X	Geologist/Hydrologist /s/ Michael McGee	12/3/2010
Cultural Resources	X				Rebecca L. Hill	12Nov2010
Native American Religious Concerns	X					
Paleontology	X				Archaeologist	
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	X				/s/J H Parman Plan & Env. Coord.	11/15/10
Farmlands, Prime or Unique	X				/s/Tate Salas Realty	12/3/2010
Rights-of-Way	X					
Invasive, Non-native Species	X				/S/ Shane Trautner Range Mgmt. Spec	11/15/2010
Vegetation			X	X		
Livestock Grazing			X	X		
Wastes, Hazardous or Solid	X				/s/ Jared Reese Nat. Resource Spec.	10/20/10
Threatened or Endangered Species	X				/s/ D Baggao Biologist	10/19/10
Special Status Species	X					
Wildlife			X	X		
Wetlands/Riparian Zones	X					
Wild and Scenic Rivers	X				/s/Bill Murry Outdoor Rec. Plnnr.	9/29/2010
Wilderness	X					
Recreation		X				
Visual Resources			X	X		
Cave/Karst		X				
Environmental Justice		X			/s/ Jared Reese Nat. Resource Spec.	10/20/10
Public Health and Safety		X				
Solid Mineral Resources		X			/s/ Jerry Dutchover Geo/SPS	10/13/10
Fluid Mineral Resources		X			/s/ John S. Simitz Geologist	Oct. 13, 2010